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Remarks

1. In the Office action dated April 4, 2005, the claims at issue were divided into two groups under 35 USC 121:

Group I. Claims 1-24, drawn to a method for casting aluminum

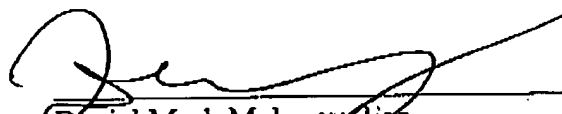
Group II Claims 25-27, drawn to a cast Al-Mg alloy product; and

Group III Claim 28, drawn to an apparatus.

2. Applicants herein elect Group I, with traverse. It is respectfully submitted that the particular alloy products of Group II may not be produced by other processes, nor would the claims of Groups I and III require the examiner to conduct separate searches of the prior art. Thus, the prosecution of this application, which has only 28 total claims, does not represent a burden to the examiner, and would be more efficiently prosecuted if conducted with all 28 claims prosecuted jointly.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner would like to suggest changes of a formal nature to place this application in better condition for allowance, a telephone call to Applicants' undersigned attorney would be appreciated.

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